

Soul superstar Dwele comes to the Dakota

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Five years since his last performance in the Twin Cities, soul/neo-soul music superstar Dwele returns, this time at the Dakota Jazz Club, 1010 Nicollet Ave., downtown Minneapolis.

Dwele's Monday, Nov. 11 performance at the Dakota marks the first return since the release of his two most recent albums, "W.ants W.orld W.omen" and "Greater Than One." The Detroit native known for his hits "Find A Way," "I'm Cheatin'" and "Hold On," and his contributions to hits by Common ("The People"), Kanye West ("Flashing Lights") and Slum Village ("Tainted") is currently working on his next project due to be release early next year.

Born Andwele Gardner, Grammy nominated Dwele released his debut "Subject" in 2003. Dwele is not just a singer as the soul start wrote the majority of his songs and played keyboard, horns and drums on most of his recordings. A favorite in the neo-soul genre, Dwele has collaborated with Eric Roberson, Boney James, Drake, Lalah Hathaway and others.

"My songs wake me up. I'll have a song in my head but in my dream, I hear it on the radio," said Dwele in a statement. "Then I wake up and realize there's no radio playing, so I hurry to my studio and lay the song down."

Though Dwele is known as a smooth crooner, he said his public image isn't the only side to the multi-talented artist.

"If you only knew me through my music, you'd think that I was a quiet guy that wears sandals and linen," said Dwele. "That's not me. I'm from Detroit, I've got a crazy side."

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Joining Dwele on stage for the Nov. 11 show are Russ King (keyboard, New Congress) and Arthur "L.A." Buckner (drummer, Ashley DuBose).

The Dwele show is a part of Thee Urbane Life's N.E.o. (New Era of) Soul music series.



Dwele live at the Dakota Jazz Club

Dakota Jazz Club, 1010 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis

Monday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m.

Admission: \$40

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